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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING  
A COMPACT LAYOUT OF CONNECTED  
NODES

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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Non-Final Office Action dated July 13, 2007, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.